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The Indiana Department of Labor Honors Evansville, Indiana's Mead Johnson Nutritionals with Safety Award

Indianapolis, IN November 13, 2007 – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce Evansville, Indiana's Mead Johnson Nutritionals has achieved Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) "Merit" status.

VPP, Indiana's Voluntary Protection Program, was established to recognize and promote safety and health management programs throughout the state. All companies, regardless of size or business, can participate in VPP - where management and employees work together to create and maintain a healthy working environment.

A subsidiary of Bristol-Myers Squibb, Mead Johnson Nutritionals, offers more than 70 products in over 60 countries. Mead Johnson's Evansville facility employs more than 280 full-time and 28 temporary employees. The primary product produced at the Evansville location includes the packaging and shipping of infant formula and adult nutritional products.

The VPP "Merit" ceremony was held on Friday, November 9, 2007 in Evansville, Indiana. The ceremony provided an opportunity for Mead Johnson Nutritionals employees and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media, state officials and local elected officials. "The level of enthusiasm of the Mead Johnson workforce is extraordinary. The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to partner with and congratulate Mead Johnson in its success," commented Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres.

Workplace safety and health management is an active responsibility for all employees at Mead Johnson Nutritionals. Corporate safety and health professionals, site management and employees are held accountable for safety and health activities. The facility conducts an annual program evaluation of the safety and health program as required for participation in VPP.

"Merit" sites demonstrate the potential and commitment to meet goals tailored to each site to ultimately achieve VPP "Star" status. VPP "Star" status is the highest level of recognition of occupational safety and health management that can be awarded. "Obtaining VPP 'Merit' status is a step ahead in a positive direction. The department looks forward to Mead Johnson Nutritionals pursuing and achieving VPP 'Star' status," added Torres. The Bristol-Myers Squibb Company received Indiana VPP "Star" status at their Evansville and Mt. Vernon locations in May 2007.

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